

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the title to read as follows:

~~IMMUNO-NEPHELOMETRY OF~~ TURBIDIMETRIC IMMUNOASSAY FOR
LIPOPROTEIN(a) AND REAGENT THEREFOR

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 14 and 15 with the following new paragraph:

As a result, the samples having measurement values that deviate from a regression line determined by a correlation with enzyme-linked immunoassay were observed when the reaction solution having the concentration of arginine of 10% was used, whereas no sample having a measurement value that deviate from the regression line determined by a correlation with enzyme-lined immunoassay was observed when the reaction solutions having the concentrations of arginine of 15% and 17%, respectively, were used. Figure 4 3 shows the correlation between the measurement values obtained by the control assay and the measurement values obtained by the latex agglutination method in each concentration of the arginine. Figure ~~2~~ 4 shows the deviation of the measurement values of the samples of each phenotype from the regression line.